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For: METHOD OF PREPARING ELECTROPHORETIC SUPPORT,
ELECTROPHORETIC MATRIX, AND METHOD OF
ELECTROPHORESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said weak alkali solution is an organic solution, an inorganic solution, or any combination thereof.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said weak alkali solution is an aqueous solution of a carbonate.